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**Jumanji: The Next Level**

**DIRECTION:** Jake Kasdan  
**CAST:** Karen Gillian, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black

**SYNOPSIS:** A team of friends return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own but discover that nothing is as they expect.

**THEATRES:** Landmark, The Mall, Royal Plaza

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**Dabangg 3**

**DIRECTION:** Prabhu Deva  
**CAST:** Salman Khan, Warina Hussain, Sonakshi Sinha

**SYNOPSIS:** The film is a sequel to the 2012 film Dabangg 2 and the third instalment of Dabangg film series. The further exploits of Chulbul Pandey – India’s most lovable cop.

**THEATRES:** Landmark, Royal Plaza, The Mall

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**Quote Unquote**

“Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation.”  
- Michael Jordon

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- **Fajr:** 4.57am
- **Shorooq (sunrise):** 6.21am
- **Zuhr (noon):** 11.38am
- **Asr (afternoon):** 2.37pm
- **Maghreb (sunset):** 4.56pm
- **Isha (night):** 6.26pm

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**The Colour Run 2020**  
WHERE: QNCC  
WHEN: January 25  
TIME: 7am – 10pm  
Your Health First is a five-kilometre, untimed event. At each kilometre mark, Colour Runners are doused from head to toe in a different coloured powder. Participants wear white at the starting line and finish the race plastered in colour. Once the 5k is over, the fun continues at the Finish Festival, a larger-than-life party equipped with music, dancing, photo ops, activity booths, vendors, and more massive colour throws, which create millions of vivid colour combinations.

**Gems and Jewels Exhibition**  
WHERE: Museum of Islamic Art  
WHEN: Ongoing till January 18  
TIME: 9am onwards  
The exhibition comes in celebration of the Qatar-India 2019 Year of Culture and presents a look at magnificent gems and jewellery from India. Set in Stone: Gems and Jewels from Royal Indian Courts showcases more than 100 pieces from across Qatar Museums’ (QM) collections, including many masterpieces that have never been displayed before.

**Metro Street Food**  
WHERE: DECC Metro Station  
WHEN: January 2020 onwards  
TIME: 12:30pm  
Street Food is the ideal venue for a leisure experience for the whole family offering over 20 dine-in options and 18-hole World Mini-Golf setup.

**Public Speaking Classes for Adults**  
WHERE: Sharq Capital, C-Ring Road  
WHEN: January 15 – July 1  
TIME: 6:30pm – 9pm  
Get trained by experts to be a good speaker. Smedley Toastmasters is conducting a six-month speech-craft programme that teaches new members to speak confidently and develop leadership skills. For more information, 66053485, 33232400 or visit www.SmedleyToastmasters.org

**Shop Qatar 2020**  
WHERE: Malls in Qatar  
WHEN: January 7 – January 3  
TIME: Entire day  
Shop Qatar has something for everyone, including beauty masterclasses, fashion shows, shopping offers, mall activities and shows, raffle draws, and Chinese New Year celebrations.

**Hobby Classes**  
WHERE: Mamangam Performing Art Centre  
WHEN: Saturday – Friday  
Mamangam is an art and performance centre started with a vision of spreading our knowledge, interests and experience in various disciplines in arts across different countries for children and adults. Mamangam has become the favourite centre for learning. We offer regular classes in the following disciplines like traditional classical and folk dance forms, art and craft, drawing and painting, personality development and public speaking, Bollywood dance, contemporary, hip hop styles, music both vocals and instrumentals. To develop health consciousness, we train them karate, yoga with special sessions for kids and adults. Mamangam has also come up with chess and robotics in regular batches in an attempt to give a better learning experience, as they sharpen their minds and brains too.

For those who wish to register for more details, visit www.mamangamqatar.in

**Spring Festival 2019**  
WHERE: Souq Waqif  
WHEN: Ongoing till January 4  
TIME: 4pm – 10pm  
The third edition of the Spring Festival at features an array of cultural programmes and entertainment activities. Around 60 games and rides are open. Circus shows will be also staged.
Cyber-secure your space

With ever more tech in our lives, our data is vulnerable.

Davey Winder lists six top tips to keep it safe in the new year

Every year billions of credentials such as e-mail addresses, passwords and personal information are shared and traded online by cybercriminals

— Dr Richard Gold, director of security engineering
Indeed, it’s incredible, and incredibly worrying, what a simple Google search can uncover. Instead of being honest about your mother’s maiden name, your place of birth, where you went to school or what you called your first pet, lie like a politician at election time. Of course, remembering fibs is harder than remembering the truth, and as with passwords, it’s best to avoid reusing the same ones for every site. Password manager apps can help, as they have a secure notes entry for every login.

**Stop using SMS-based 2FA**

Two-factor authentication (2FA), which adds something you have to the something you know (your username and password) during login, is a must-have. This builds a second wall for the cybercriminal to climb if they have nabbed your password from somewhere. Use either an authenticator app such as Authy or Google Authenticator, or a hardware token like a YubiKey. Don’t use 2FA that sends codes by text message, as this can provide a ladder to climb that second wall with. “If your phone is stolen, the thief can put your sim in another phone and request an SMS code for resetting the password to all your accounts,” warns Cesar Cerrudo, chief technology officer at security research company IOActive. Setting a pin on your sim card is recommended, but that won’t help if someone cons your network provider into transferring your number to their device, a scam known as sim-swapping.

“SMS-based 2FA is vulnerable to sim-swap attacks,” says Paul Bischoff, privacy advocate at Comparitech.com, “but if it’s the only option, it’s better than no 2FA at all.”

**Stay secure when away from home**

There has been much coverage of “juice jacking” of late. This involves a cybercriminal using altered USB charging ports in airports, train stations and hotels to infect your device with malware. You can carry a USB charger that plugs into a power socket or invest in a power-only USB charging cable to prevent this. A more widespread problem is that of free wireless Internet access. “Criminals can exploit public Wi-Fi to steal your personal information, such as e-mails, photos, passwords, private documents and bank details,” Oz Alashe, CEO of CybSafe, says. Using a virtual private network (VPN) is recommended to reduce the risk. A VPN app creates an encrypted “tunnel” between your device and a remote server, protecting your data from snooping hackers.

If you’re using your phone to check your bank balance or pay bills on the train or in the coffee shop, a VPN provides “a safety blanket that will help keep your data out of the wrong hands,” Matt Lock, technical director at Varonis, says.

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The Guardian
**TSQ marks Loshar festival**

Tamu Society Qatar (TSQ) recently organised an event to mark Loshar festival. The holiday is a New Year’s festival, celebrated on the first day of the lunisolar Tibetan calendar. The event was chaired by Vai Kaji Gurung, President of TSQ. Rajendra Kumar Sharma, Secretary of Non Resident Nepali Association International Co-ordination Committee (NRNA ICC) was the chief guest at the event. The event was attended by notable community leaders, including TB Karki, Adviser at NRNA ICC; Raj Regmi, youth Co-ordinator at NRNA Middle East; Kamal Mani Guragai, Bimal Subedi, Shiva Bhujel, President of Non Resident Nepali Indigenous Society; Ramesh Bhatta, Yubaraj Sharma, Homnath Sharma and KB Hamal, members of NRNA NCC; and Uttam Gurung, First Vice President of NRNA NCC.

Various Nepali folk artistes, including Pritivi Gurung, Sunil Gurung and Indu Gurung performed at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Tau Maya Gurung, third Vice President of TSQ, highlighted the significance of marking the festival, which was followed by a cultural show. Nepali Female Tamu Society felicitated Bil Gurung, Chief Adviser of TSQ; Kaji Gurung, President TSQ; and Dil Kumari Gurung, Female Adviser of TSQ, on the occasion.

– Text and photos by Usha Wagle Gautam

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**Allevia Medical Centre to provide free transport for its customers with Careem**

Allevia Medical Centre and Careem Networks recently announced their Strategic Logistics Partnership in Qatar at a press conference. Management officials of both Careem Networks and the Allevia Medical Centre Group, attended the press conference. The Memorandum of Understanding paved the way for establishing a logistics partnership allowing easy access to world class healthcare facilities to all the citizens and expatriates of Qatar. Sami Elzein, Corporate Relations Manager at Careem, said, “Thanks to our technology and large operations, our corporate transportation solutions enable our clients/partners to expand their business coverage in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Now, all local citizens and expatriate patients, regardless of where they reside in Qatar, can seamlessly and conveniently reach Allevia Medical Centre for the premium healthcare they need at any time.” He also added that higher quality service will be provided to the Allevia customers through innovative tech functionalities that are built in the back-end which prioritise corporate bookings and dispatch top tier captains/drivers; in addition, to a 24/7 corporate care team that is at their disposal.

Asharaf KP, Managing Director of Allevia, emphasised that Allevia’s vision to bring wellness in reach to the community is materialised through this logistic tie up with Careem. He also mentioned the customers of Allevia can avail this transport support at completely free of cost across Qatar. The officials from Allevia Medical Centre announced that logistic support for needy customers would be extended with immediate effect.

Customers can call Allevia Medical Center Al Wukair Branch directly at +974 44527800 & Al Gharafa Branch at +974 55876999 to avail their transport support as complimentary. This tie up will eradicate all kinds of transportation related issues for Allevia customers. The customer who wishes to visit Allevia and has a transport issue, must contact Allevia to avail free transport to the Medical Centre.

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**Hyatt Plaza Mall hosts Winter Fest 2019-2020**

Hyatt Plaza Mall, one of the premier shopping and entertainment destination in Doha, is continuing its celebrations during the winter holidays by hosting the Winter Fest 2019-2020, stated a press release. The fest features various international artistes. Seventeen expert artistes, including magician, street circus, bike balancer, juggler, football freestyler, quick change and a lot of entertaining talents have been catering the show from 5:30pm onwards everyday. The festival has successfully managed to attract thousands of visitors to the mall, not only from Doha city but also from other cities in Qatar. The Winter Fest will continue with daily shows in Hyatt Plaza Mall till January 19.
Galfar Al Misnad conducts Annual Quality Campaign

Galfar Al Misnad recently organised a closing ceremony for its ‘Quality Campaign’ at Millennium Hotel. The Qatari construction company has been conducting this event on an annual basis since 2013, in conjunction with Qatar Sustainability Week, an initiative by Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC). This year’s theme was ‘25 Years of Quality’ to commemorate Galfar Al Misnad’s 25 years of operations in Qatar.

The event was attended by the senior management team and key staff members of the company. The event aimed to drive and inspire the Galfar team to renew their commitment towards Quality.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish G Pillai, Executive Director of Galfar Al Misnad, emphasised on the importance of quality as a founding principle of Galfar Al Misnad’s successful journey and encouraged staff members to continue and build on this tradition.

The QHSE team of the company elaborated on the highlights of the month-long Quality awareness activities that were held across the company’s offices, sites, and camps, including technical presentations by specialists from Galfar as well as external speakers from specialty companies. As per custom, Quality Month was inaugurated with all employees jointly taking a Quality Pledge.

This year Galfar Al Misnad added an employee wellness component to the Quality Month activities with a special session by Senior General Manager (Infra), S Hemachandran on enhancing the ‘Quality of Life’. Various topics like professional and personal attitudes, health and food habits, and the importance of being synchronised with nature were explored in the session.

Another new element this year was an engaging Quality Quiz that was held at the closing ceremony. The participating five groups comprised of staff members who had scored the highest points in an online quiz that was conducted earlier in the month.

Tug of War Tournament set to be held on January 3

Azeez Narikuni, KMCC State General Secretary, recently released the Tug of War Tournament brochure. He handed over the brochure to Tahir Pattara, Managing Director of Mixmax Group. The tournament is being organised as a part of Qatar KMCC Sports Wing ‘Kaikolsav 2019’ and will be held at Doha Modern Indian School on January 3. Twenty leading teams from Kerala will participate in the tournament. Siddique Vazhakkad, Chairman of KMCC Sports Wing, presided over the event. Meboob Nalakath, Tournament Team Co-ordinator, introduced the tournament rules on the occasion. AV Aboobacker, Kunhimon Klary, Raees Perumba, Aziz Haji Edacheri, Firoz MP, Muneer PK, Mohammed Bayar and Steeson spoke on the occasion. Ibrahim Pulinkal welcomed the gathering and Noufal CK proposed a vote of thanks.

PAS organises ‘Be my Guest’ programme

Pakistan Arts Society-Qatar (PAS), a socio-cultural organisation in association with Pak Shamaa School and College (PSSC), is all set to organise a programme ‘Be my Guest’ with an aim to develop teachers training capacity as a part of PAS promoting socio-cultural, fine arts and literary activities. Mala Waseem, a Canadian Pakistani, Qatar based visual artist will talk on ‘Passion: An artist’s perspective’ tomorrow at Jinnah Hall at PSSC.
Pakistani stars reveal their New Year’s Resolutions

In this exclusive to Community, what they say underpins how resolutions made may get broken along the way but your heart impels you to promise anyway.

By Muhammad Asad Ullah

New Year’s Resolutions are tricky. They’re easy to make, but a lot harder to keep. At the start of every year, we are bombarded with articles and adverts that extol the ‘New Year, New You’ mantra, whether this involves becoming vegan, using less plastic, giving up fur or investing in your beauty regimen and a gym membership. The global appetite for self-improvement doesn’t appear to be crumbling anytime soon. Call it the triumph of hope over experience: It’s a new year, full of promise and anticipation, and though your brain knows that the resolutions you make might get broken along the way, your heart impels you to list those promises anyway. Because being positive is all that matters and it is one of the only things you’re going to have besides you when everything else seems bleak at some point of time. Which we wish never happens. You outshine always!

My New Year resolution is to have a fashionista year – full of surprises, glitter, paparazzi and pizzazz runways. Is it the same for celebrities who actually live such life anyways. We find out as Pakistani stars share their New Year Resolutions exclusively with Community. It clearly shows that all of them are very sceptical about making drastic resolutions, often seeing them as ‘a load of nonsense that is recycled year after year and quickly left forgotten.’ Instead, they prefer to approach the New Year as a time to realign one’s priorities, starting with the very basics and sometimes just about facing what the year throws at them and deal with it with an uncanny strength and belief.

**Hareem Farooq**
I have come to the conclusion that I always have the same resolution; to be a better version of myself! And spread as much kindness, joy and love as I can in peoples lives. No better way to eliminate hate than love!

**Junaid Khan**
To be a better man and time to give something back to the people who have given so much love to me all these years.

**Bilal Abbas Khan**
Be more kind to myself, others and be closer to Allah.

**Sanam Baloch**
Keep an open mind to different opinions and stay positive as much as I can be. Breakdowns can be breakthroughs, and slowing down can be a way of experiencing the world more intensely.

**Ali Rehman Khan**
Keep fighting for what I believe in. To work even harder than I did last year and to spend a lot more time with my family.

**Affan Waheed**
In 2020, I want to be happy, very happy. And content.

**Anoushay Abbasi**
Cook more, stay positive and allow a little room for error.

**Ramsha Khan**
Work even harder and to be positive through everything!
**New Year resolutions**

**Hira Mani**
New Year’s resolutions are not the only goals I plan on restraining myself to for the rest of the year when we have to strive for perfection every day. Each month brings a new cause to adopt with pledges that demand constant discipline. Everyday is a new day to get better and do something better.

**Ayesha Omar**
To be kinder and more patient, to save more. To forgive myself and start putting myself first. To start trusting and following my gut. To get on an 80 percent plant based diet. To exercise more. To fix my sleep routine. To limit my time on the Internet. To read more and walk more. To sing and paint more and to stop seeking approval from people who don’t matter.

**Imran Ashraf**
2020 will be my debutant year in the film industry via Dam Mastam hence a lot of excitement also I want to focus on child education in Pakistan with the help of British Council.

**Minal Khan**
2020 will be the year of experimentation and working on a lot more versatility as an actor. I would also like to give back to my country by collaborating with charitable causes this year.

**Fahad Hussayn**
To make smarter choices for myself and filter put negativity from my life.

**Rabia Butt**
I don’t believe in specifying one night for your whole next year’s doing, for me everyday is a new day and everyday I believe in making or bending your strategy of making things right because you learn every single day.

**Fouzia Aman**
I’m looking towards 2020 with optimism, focus and stronger sense of who I am and what sustainable choices I make. Last year I learned to lean in hard to the people you love and to the people who love you, the coming year I’m going to love my loved ones more, dream big, go hard and drink lots of water!

**Sadaf Kanwal**
Shop more sustainably and dress more fabulously. There’s no use having a closet of feathered frocks if you don’t wear them, right? Don’t be surprised if you catch me in a velvet gown on any given Thursday — of course.

Art work designed by: Muhammad Asad Ullah
**Try This**

**Pictures that move**

*Before movies were invented, here is one way people used to make “moving pictures.”*

**You’ll need**
- Index cards
- Large spring clip
- Fine black marker
- Scissors
- Pencil

1. **Cut 10 cards in half; make pile of cards with cut sides all on one side**
2. **Draw a stick-figure person or animal on top card with pencil**
3. **On second card, draw figure with arms or legs moved a little; make sure drawing lines up with previous card**
4. **Clip cards together on cut side**
5. **Hold clip and flip through cards**

**What happened?**

The figures blend together into a moving image because your brain remembers each image for a fraction of a second.

*Erase and redraw parts of the drawings to make motion smoother, then draw over all with marker.*

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*Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap, TNS*
LIFESTYLE/HOROSCOPE

Here’s how moms can follow good winter skincare regimen

It’s winter and during this season the cold air strips your skin of natural moisture, leaving it dull, dry, itchy and flaky.

According to the health experts, mothers must follow a good winter skincare regimen to keep their skin nourished and hydrated.

But as a new mom, you may not have the time as your little one might keep you on your toes.

With emergency nappy changing, elongated crying and night shifts, a new mom might feel overwhelmed with new changes around her and in her routine! When you are a new mom then we are sure your skin is already taken a backseat as it is natural that you struggle to keep up with your routine, the experts said.

“New and expectant moms need that extra bit of care, especially in this tender period of motherhood. Skincare regimens not only appease one physically, but also has a calming effect emotionally. But, it is equally important to be mindful of the product choices we make,” said Dr Subhashini NS, Ayurveda Expert, The Himalaya Drug Company.

“It is suggested to choose products that are developed using natural ingredients and are free from any form of harsh chemicals to keep themselves and their little ones safe,” Subhashini said.

She shares quick skincare tips that every mom can easily remember and at the same time incorporate them in the everyday routine.

This season is all about maintaining the moisture of your skin, as it is crucial for keeping it hydrated. So, replace your regular cleanser with a gentle, hydrating cleanser, moisture-rich ingredients like virgin coconut oil, cocoa and mango butter, the doctor said.

According to Subhashini, opting for a body butter infused with the goodness of cocoa butter and glycerin helps soothe and hydrate the skin more effectively than lotions.

It further helps tackle dry and flaky skin, that most new and pregnant moms face. Massage is an effective and proven remedy to stimulate blood circulation, relieve stress, and help body recover fast, the doctor suggested.

“During breastfeeding, it is important to practice personal care and hygiene. Initially, during breastfeeding, one may encounter sore nipples and cracked skin area surrounding the nipples,” she said.

“Using a nipple care butter enhanced with virgin coconut oil helps protect skin from cracks and Kokum Butter helps deeply moisturise skin,” she said.

Apart from a healthy skincare routine, the doctor advises new moms to eat a balanced and nutritious diet, which are high in healthy fats as they help repair damaged skin.

~ IANS

Aries
March 21 – April 19

If you aren’t already into real estate, gardening, or interior decorating, Aries, today you might discover a talent for one or all of these fields and decide to pursue it. You might have it in mind as a possible future source of income, and therefore you could consider looking into getting some formal training in the field. Which one you choose, if any, is of course up to you.

Cancer
June 21 – July 22

A social event or group meeting could ignite your enthusiasm about new goals. Cancer. These goals may involve giving you a chance to use your creative talents as well as enjoy the companionship and camaraderie of your fellow group members. Therefore, whatever events are scheduled today might all prove to be both satisfying and enjoyable for you. Don’t hesitate!

Libra
September 23 – October 22

Some good news may reach your ears via the grapevine regarding your career. This might involve a raise in salary, Libra, or it could be new benefits, new profit sharing plans, or anything that may involve investments or money that comes your way above and beyond a paycheck. Contracts or other legal papers that are executed today should definitely work in your favour.

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

Plans for a party or group gathering of some kind could take up much of your time and energy, Capricorn. You might have a lot of letters to write, phone calls to make, or other communications to take care of, but this is likely to prove to be a great excuse for getting in touch with your friends. Today could prove to be a kind of party-before-the-party, which is right up your alley. Enjoy your day!

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

Though you might wake up today feeling a little feverish, Aquarius, as the day progresses you’ll be your old self again. You should be putting a lot of effort into work, particularly mundane chores and tasks that you’d rather not do. Get them out of the way and then move on to projects that interest you and can fire your ambition and motivation. Work hard in the morning and enjoy the rest of the day.

TAURUS
April 20 – May 20

Your energy and enthusiasm for life should be operating at a very high level today. Taurus. You may therefore want to get together with some of your friends, and might even organise an impromptu social event of some kind. Exciting news and stimulating conversation should keep your mind busy for a long time.

Leo
July 23 – August 22

Today, Leo, you might begin work on a project that you’ve wanted to do for a long time. This may be career related or personal, but either way it should advance you in whatever direction that you want to go. The only downside is that you might be a bit too hard on yourself and far too critical of your work. Try to be objective and view your own work as fairly as you would view the work of others.

Scorpio
October 23 – November 21

A new and exciting potential relationship could pop into your life today. Scorpio. This is apt to be the kind of instant attraction that sets your nerves tingling and your blood boiling! Whether or not you decide to pursue this attraction, of course, depends on your situation, but whatever you decide, you’re likely to enjoy feeling the thrill of it today. Therefore, make sure you look your best when you go out!

Virgo
August 23 – September 22

Today, Virgo, you’re expanding your horizons. You and a friend could plan a vacation that you’re really excited about. It could involve a trip by air, perhaps across the ocean. The trip is mainly for pleasure, but it involves a lot of different experiences and is an excellent trip as well. You have a lot to look forward to. Make the most of it and have fun.

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

This is a great day to start any project that concerns writing, acting, or speaking, Pisces. Your creative energies should be flowing freely and abundantly today, and you should enjoy the rush of new ideas that keep popping into your head. A number of stimulating conversations with close friends should keep your energies churning.

Pisces
February 19 – March 20

PISCES
November 22 – December 21

Today, Sagittarius, you should be feeling especially energetic and enthusiastic. Therefore, this is a great day to start a new enterprise, perhaps involving your home, or just about any kind of life enhancement. More than one opportunity could present itself to you. One could entail creative activities and the other might be more mundane.
**Wordsearch**

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M E S A E C L O S E N L U
O I N M Y G G M A S I W R T
I E G W U N N L U G A D F E R
G Y C E P I I M N D N H G N
G A A U B N D G C S B S B Y Y
N D D B D R N W H E M B A R K
I R L S M O E Y C D N N E P E
R E O L H M R N T R A T S E R
P T D F P S E T I F E B E D I
S S G M O M I T N L G N F U P
A E I N M W A N P I T S A L X
A Y S O D F E M I E P A S C E
N E C I W Y O F R F P F N N W
T E P E R C O V U W B S E O N
T O M O R R O W E M T B W C H
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**Codeword**

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Squares with the same number in have the same letter in. Work out which number represents which letter.

**Sudoku**

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2 6 1
7 5 4
4 3

6 1
7 3
8 1

3 4 6
4 6 7
5

8 4 2 7
1 9 3 7
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**Adam**

WON a NEW YEAR.

YEP HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS.

MAYBE THIS YEAR WILL BE MORE CIVIL MAYBE WE CAN ALL COME TOGETHER IN...

CLAYTON POKE ME AND THEN I POKE HIM AND THEN HE POKE ME HARDER!!

IT IS AN ELECTION YEAR DEAR.

WAKE ME IN 2021.

**Pooch Cafe**

I'M GOING TO MAKE 2020 ALL ABOUT PEACE.

I'VE DECIDED TO STOP ANY KIND OF FIGHTING.

STARTING WITH MY INNER PERSON.

WHEN DID YOU EVER FIGHT AGAINST YOUR INNER PERSON?

I GUESS PACIFISM IS JUST IN MY NATURE.

**Garfield**

GARFIELD! WAKE UP!

YOU SLEPT AWAY THE ENTIRE DAY!

THIS YEAR IS OFF TO A GOOD START!

I DID?

**Bound And Gagged**

AH! BOWL GAMES.

NOT THAT KIND OF BOWL.
Super Cryptic Clues

Across
1 Principal notice inserted in border in front of flower (10)
7 Poor diet Tom has skipped (7)
8 One member’s naughty children (4)
10 It may be taken in court and in boathouse (4)
11 RN choose new vessel (8)
13 Spot, so we hear, for fish (6)
15 Split up northern river (6)
17 Contest for gun-runners? (4,4)
18 Delight in good shelter (4)
21 A member of the opposition in Victorian times? (4)
22 Warned bad lad about damaged tree (7)
23 Locate nuns settled in Cornish town (10)

Down
1 Entertainer taking one in lift (5)
2 Little workers getting article about saint (4)
3 I’d come to be cured by doctor (6)
4 Mistake about a garment (8)
5 Stretch vessels in river (7)
6 Soak poets at sea, as it were (2,2,5)
9 Making a grade one drink (9)
12 No crop is damaged by this insect (8)
14 Country song about people (7)
16 Injury resulting from fight with sweetheart (6)
19 Language that comes in for some slating (5)
20 Mr. Livingstone has little time for this county (4)

Solution

Wordsearch

Codeword
Dibakar adds a dash of reality to refuel fear in new anthology

By Arundhati Banerjee

Filmaker Dibakar Banerjee, who is one of the four directors of the upcoming horror anthology Ghost Stories, says fear is an important emotion and his film refuels the emotion with a dash of reality.

Did he incorporate horror elements from Indian folklore in his segment of the film? “The precondition of being an Indian is being human first. Because I do not think there is a tiger looking at himself as an Indian Tiger, who might be different from an African one. It is only human beings who put out different narratives on being Indian or Filipino or Korean. Then comes our unique culture, which is a part of the climate condition – the way we look, the clothes we wear. Some are a result of the accidents of history, and these elements make the people of India believe that this is what India is. All these things keep changing with time. So, if we only keep searching for what it means to be an Indian, we are trying to gather water in our hand. I mean, is it possible?” Dibakar said. So, how can an Indian storyteller leave his signature of being an Indian, which may be different from, say, Iranian culture? “What I’m saying is, when I tell a story as a human being, without getting worried about establishing Indian element, the signature gets established naturally. We should understand that there is a difference between ‘acting like an Indian’ and just ‘being Indian.’ As a storyteller, I shouldn’t ‘act’ like an Indian,” he explained.

Dibakar’s segment of Ghost Stories features Gulshan Devaiah and Sukant Goel. The other directors who have called the shots on one segment each are Karan Johar, Anurag Kashyap and Zoya Akhtar. The film releases on the OTT platform Netflix.

On the subject of horror, the Khosla Ka Ghosha director said: “Fear is an important emotion and without it we will die. Fear is an instinct that has brought evolution, and ensures us in surviving. Now, we are much more secure than that the earlier ages of civilisation. Far less people die than what used to happen a million years ago. The more we become civilised, we realise that our drive for fear needs to be refueled. That is why we enjoy the ghost stories of our grandparents. Now that survival is not as difficult as it was before, we have new kinds of fear that has to do with climate, nature, geography and socio-politics. I am trying to update the fear ‘menu’ of our mind through the film.” Ghost Stories will release January 1 (today). – IANS

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Salman’s decade-old association with Bigg Boss hailed

Salman Khan has been associated with Bigg Boss as a host for a decade now and fans can’t stop heaping praise on the Bollywood superstar for delivering “10 blockbuster seasons” of Bigg Boss.

If the show’s fights, gossips, romances and tasks keep the viewers hooked to Bigg Boss, which is now in its 13th season, Salman entertains them every Saturday and Sunday on the show. The reality show’s weekend episodes score an average rating of 2.0 (as per BARC data).

Manisha Sharma, Chief Content Officer, Hindi Mass Entertainment, Viacom18, said: “Salman Khan has become synonymous to Bigg Boss and our association has only grown stronger with every season. With his inimitable style and charisma, he has taken the show to newer heights and turned it into a cult over the years.

“The show has had a remarkable run with Salman Khan as the host of the show and continues to be the top non-fiction property. The 10-year journey has been fascinating and we hope to strengthen our partnership for many more years to come,” she added.

The notion that it is Salman who drives the show more than anything else that goes on in the house is evident from social media reactions, too.

ENTERTAINER: Salman Khan entertains the viewers every weekend on the reality show.

“Bigg Boss is nothing without Salman. We love you @BeingSalmanKhan BB13,” tweeted one fan.

Another wrote: “What a decade it has been with @BeingSalmanKhan on @BiggBoss! There’s definitely no other than you who can do this better. #SalmanKhan #BiggBoss13 #WeekendKaVaar.”

One more viewer wrote: “Salman Khan’s decade dominance isn’t limited to the BoxOffice. He has also delivered 10 Blockbuster Seasons of @BiggBoss this decade. @BeingSalmanKhan is the emperor of Indian Entertainment. #EmperorOfDecadeSalmanKhan.”

The show recently aired an episode where Salman entered the house and cleaned the house and washed utensils because he couldn’t stand the unhygienic environment. His humbleness clearly surpasses his superstardom. This helped him win more hearts.

“Shame on contestants of #BiggBoss13. This is happening for the first time in the history of bigg boss. Salman khan doing this work. @BeingSalmanKhan is best host in the world,” tweeted one viewer of the reality show.

“Salman Khan is the best host BIGG BOSS COULD EVER HAVE! I wish him to be the host till BiggBoss lasts. The most suitable host who can handle everyone and everything with his Awesome attitude. HandsDown! The Bestest! #BiggBoss13 @BeingSalmanKhan” wrote one fan. – IANS

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Vaughan Oliver, designer of iconic album covers for 4AD Records, dies at 62

Sunday, crafted abstract, Dada-esque record covers for dozens of bands including the Pixies, Cocteau Twins, Modern English, the Breeders and His Name is Alive. In the process, his aesthetic became a visual touchstone and helped drive listeners to ponder the ways in which sound could influence image and vice versa.

The designer’s death, at age 62, was confirmed by 4AD, which released a note that read, in part: “Without Vaughan, 4AD would not be 4AD, and it’s no understatement to say that his style also helped to shape graphic design in the late 20th century.”

No cause of death was given.

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Calling Ol...
Four lunar, 2 solar eclipses to be observed in 2020

By Mudassir Raja

The vastness of the universe itself is so wonderful that it makes Earth almost insignificant in the space. The more one tries to look into the spaciousness of the universe, the more it gets bewildered. There are, however, some objects closer to the planet Earth that the scientists continue to observe and study in a bid to draw some new conclusions. There is yet much to be discovered in the solar system.

There are some natural phenomena that continue to catch the attention of the space experts and the common man in the streets: solar and lunar eclipses. The experts of astronomy keep themselves busy in making new assessments of different celestial objects and their orbits in the solar system. In their studies, the solar and lunar eclipses are very significant natural happenings.

Most recently, the world experienced annular solar eclipse that was vastly visible in Qatar as well. The astronomy experts of the country have now shared that six eclipses will take place in 2020. Almost all eclipses will be visible completely or partially in Qatar.

According to accurate astronomical calculations, the world will be able to witness six eclipses during 2020, moreover, four of them will be lunar eclipses, while two eclipses will be solar eclipses. Sharing the details of the celestial phenomena with Community, Dr Beshir Marzouk, an astronomer expert with Qatar Calendar House (QCH), said: “The first lunar eclipse will be on Friday, January 10, 2020; where it will be occurring during the full moon of Hijri moon ‘Jumada I, 1441’, and its type will be penumbral lunar eclipse, where the Earth’s penumbra will occult 90% of full moon during maximum moment of eclipse. The residents of Qatar and other Arab countries will be able to observe the first penumbral lunar.”

He added, “The second lunar eclipse will occur on Friday, June 5, 2020, where it will take place during full moon of Hijri moon ‘Shawal, 1441’ Its type will also be penumbral lunar eclipse, where the Earth’s penumbra will occult 97% of full moon during maximum moment of eclipse. Once again, the people living in Qatar and other parts of the Arab world will have the chance to observe all phases of this lunar eclipse.”

The expert added, “The third lunar eclipse will occur on July 5, 2020, happening during full moon of Hijri moon ‘Dhu-al-Qaida, 1441’. Moreover, its type will again be penumbral lunar eclipse where the earth’s penumbra will occult 35.5% of full moon during maximum moment of eclipse. Luckily, the inhabitants of Qatar and the Arab region will have the chance to observe all phases of this lunar eclipse.”

“The last lunar eclipse of 2020 will occur on November 30, 2020 during the full moon of Hijri month ‘Rabie I, 1442’. Its type will again be penumbral lunar eclipse, where the Earth’s penumbra will occult 83% of the full moon during maximum moment of eclipse. All the phases of the lunar eclipse will be observed by the people in and around Qatar.”

Dr Beshir added, “On the other side, the first solar eclipse of 2020 will occur on Sunday, June 21, 2020. Its type will be annular Solar eclipse. It will however be seen in the skies of Qatar as partial solar eclipse. Finally, the 2020 year will end with total solar eclipse. Moreover, it will occur on Monday, December 14, 2020. The last solar eclipse will not be seen by the people of Qatar and other Arab world countries.”